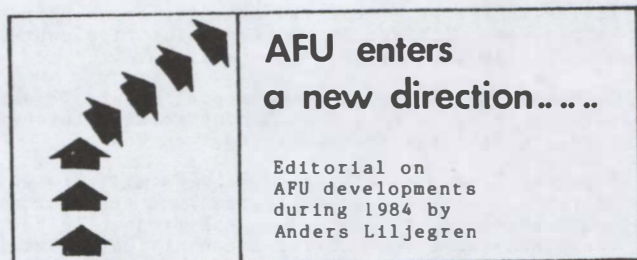


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This is, probably, the last issue of AFU Newsletter for a few years time. Unless a new editor can be recruited we will make a pause in our publishing and I will, personally, redirect attention and capacity into other areas of ufology. The AFU Newsletter may appear again in the future but this will not occur before 1987. I will try to outline why I have had to make this sad decision which is, however, connected to recent happy developments for AFU!

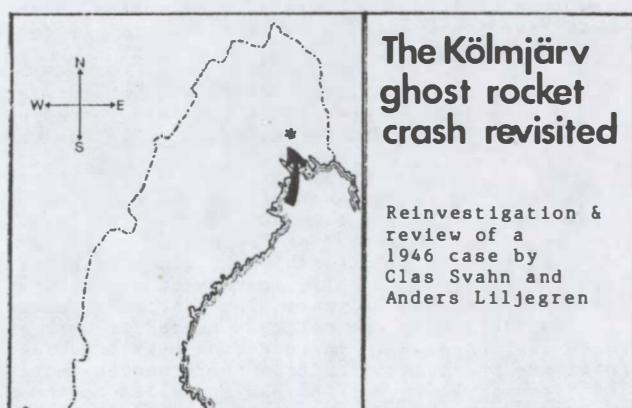
The Newsletter has been published since 1975 with myself as editor since early 1976. It has become less and less frequent in recent years. This is not because my interest in ufology has waned, but because more and more of my time has been spent on very long-term projects. I have grown a liking for digging into areas so far untouched by ufologists and in order to do this, with full force, I have to postpone the Newsletter.

At times it has been my goal to develop the AFU Newsletter into a very interesting and informative "Scandinavian Flying Saucer Review", a kind of digest of the very best from Sweden & Scandinavia, but I find that my time & energy is not sufficient for such an ambitious project, especially since I have a heavy "civilian" workload (as a computer systems analyst/programmer) and since it has been very hard to recruit co-workers to share the burden.

As I see it now, the Newsletter is a short-sighted activity that has given AFU a fairly good reputation, quite many nice correspondents all over the world (I am sorry I can't find enough of time to answer all of your letters!), but it will not be possible to continue the Newsletter if AFU is to become a more serious & respected institution. Our plans for the future development of AFU and a continued publication do not match each other! If we had the time & resources to continue we would very much like to do that, but other projects are waiting!

In the year since January 1984, when I wrote the last editorial, quite many things have happened in AFU. I will detail them, point-by-point:

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since almost 40 years. During a two-week campaign the military searched every inch of the lake with special instruments without any result. The lake's muddy bottom obstructed their difficult work.

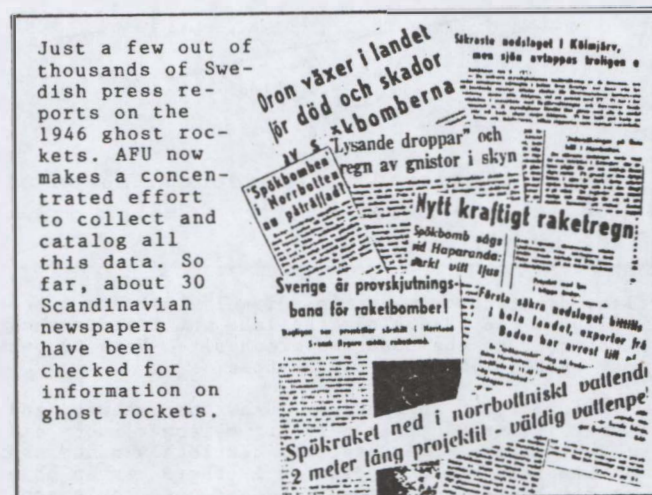
The summer of 1946 was to become "a silly season". All over Sweden thousands of people reported their sightings of unknown, often rocket-like, objects crossing the sky, or crashing into lakes. During four days in July, alone, the Swedish Defence Staff received 300 reports, and when the summer was at an end an official number of 997 sightings had been recorded. (1)

The objects often passed the country on vast trajectories and many suspected the Russians, who were believed to carry out experiments and improvements on captured German V-type weapons. Daily reports filled the newspaper columns: On the west coast a square-shaped object crossed the sky on a northerly course without a sound; off Sundsvall

One of the most substantial cases from the 1946 ghost rocket wave is reviewed in this article. Clas Svahn, journalist with Norrbottens-Kuriren, a north-Swedish newspaper, recently located and reinterviewed several of the witnesses as well as the military man who was in charge of a prolonged search in the lake. To complete the picture, in details, notes from the contemporary newspapers and newswires - culled from the AFU archives - have been interwoven into the story to create what we believe is the most complete case report ever published on any of the ghost rocket wave cases. Still, recently received materials from the Defence Staff files have not been incorporated into the story. We have not had the opportunity, so far, to analyze this wealthy archives material but it is expected that a future report will supplement the case on this point.

1. General background

50 meters from the shore of Lake Kõlmjärv, about 24 km west of Överkalix in the extreme north of Sweden (about 66°23'N 22°18'E), a mysterious object may have been embedded in the bottom mud



a silvery, oblong object surprised a few factory workers; and in Stockholm people watched a large luminous object with a couple of black balls trailing behind...

2. The Kõlmjärv sighting

To farmer Knut Lindbäck (now interviewed in 1984 (2) at the age of 68), and his maid Beda Persson (18 years old in 1946) July 19, 1946 was a busy Friday. Hay-making was going on. Knut and Beda worked by the leaning shores of Lake Kõlmjärv. It was 11.45 - almost noon - and the sun was broiling hot.

All of a sudden a humming sound was heard from the sky.

- I looked up since I thought it was an airplane, says Knut today. Instead, I spotted a rocket-like device diving towards the lake.

In the company of Beda he watched the two meters long, ashen-gray projectile falling into the water about 1,5 km away, near the south-western shore of the lake. A tall column of water emerged and was soon followed by yet another cascade. (There was, reportedly, no wood or other objects to hinder the witnesses' view of the object's trajectory (3)).

- That it was a solid object of that I am sure, says Knut, who still remembers the incident very well. The object was two meters long and had a snub nose, while the stern was pointed. I thought there were a few small winglike protrusions on the side, but I am not sure. Everything happened so quickly!

The length of the water pillar was "a few meters" according to the first newswire report, cabled to all Swedish newspapers (3). From contemporary news items it is further evident that there was no light on, or from, the object (4). The Swedish news agency TT reported that the two prime witnesses had heard no explosions (3), however, Lindbäck told Dagens Nyheter that "there was a smashing sound, but this was probably from the water thrown up". (4)

The magnitude of the crash is underlined, however, by yet another witness (located in 1984) who was standing by the northern shore of the lake, just a couple of hundred meters from the site of impact. Frideborg Tagebo, 14 years old in 1946, remembers everything clearly: (5)

- The sound was horrible. I had never heard anything like it before - or since. My mother, who was washing clothes down at the shore, shouted at me to shut the windows because she thought it was a tornado coming in. Our dog went crazy and ran away. Everything was terrible. When the thing eventually stroke down it was like a bomb had detonated.

3. The investigations

On that same evening (Friday) police and Home Guard personnel were posted along the lake with orders to cordon off the area and keep a watch on the crash site, after a neighbour of Lindbäck had called the law enforcement office. During the night between Friday and Saturday a military group from the Ing. 3 engineer corps in Boden started off in lorries towards Kõlmjärv. (4)

On July 20 (Saturday morning) the then lieutenant Karl-Gösta Bartoll arrived at Kõlmjärv in the company of a group of soldiers, to search for the rocket. The commanding officer of the operation is now - 38 years later - a 68 years old major in the reserves, living in Arboga. When the Kõlmjärv crash happened he had been with the Ing.3 corps for five years, thus a main part of the war years. (6)

On the Saturday there were some preliminary investigations on the site and on Sunday morning further personnel and equipment arrived from Boden.

Reported a nation-wide newspaper: "A military unit of ten men was dispatched to the lake on Saturday, and soon found the spot where the projectile had sank into the bottom. Water depth at that point is only 75 centimeters and the projectile had made a meterwide hole, which was very deep, in the mud. When an oar was put into this hole it wouldn't reach the bottom, so reinforcements were called for. The projectile must have had an immense rate of speed since large quantities of mud have been thrown far away around the crash site. It is hoped that, thanks to the mud which has lessened the impact, it will be possible to recover the projectile. One estimates, however, that there will be a few days work before the object can be dug out". (7)

- The military started to build a raft by the shore, says Rune Lindbäck, the neighbour who called on the authorities. They were very careful not to use iron nails which would have disturbed their sensitive instruments. The raft was tied by ropes of hemp. (2)

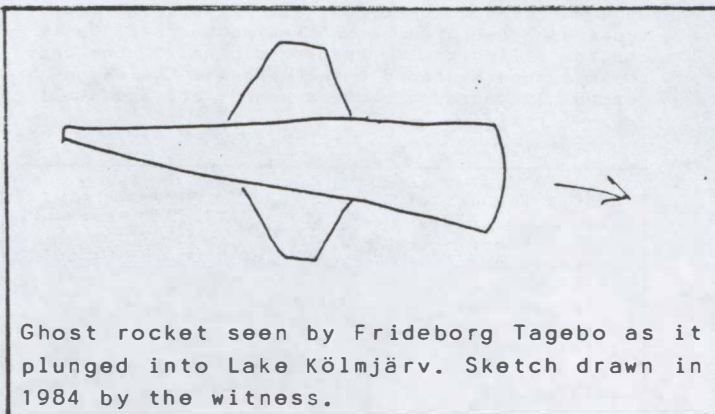
From the raft the military could see how moraine and stones from deeper layers had been forced up. Everything pointed to an explosion below the water surface.

"The military is now searching a 200 x 200 meter wide area across the lake. Due to the deep mud one is now using the method of "sounding", e.g. for each half-meter a long feeler is stuck into the mud. Water depth is only 2 meters at the deepest. An attempt to use ordinary mine search equipment failed since they are not constructed to work at such distances as is the question here. Special officers and scientists from the Research Institute of National Defence (FOA) who travelled to the site on Saturday, returned Sunday evening". (8)

Professor Gustaf Ljunggren of FOA says that the Institute has sent two observers to the crash site in the Kalix area.

- Before the bomb is recovered it is too early to say anything about it's nature, said prof. Ljunggren. If they are rocket-powered projectiles it is feasible that they have steering equipment that automatically bring them back to their point of start - which could explain the relative lack of crashes. Is is also possible that the projectiles are steered by radio. In any case it is hard to believe that they have been directed, on purpose, to crash into lakes in order to escape Swedish searches. The lake we are now investigating is only 200 meters across and when it comes to such "shooting distances" as we are contemplating, a target of that size is much too small". (9)

"From the crash site the latest news are that the search area has been widened since it has been established that the projectile has bounced against a submerged rock, under the mud, and changed its direction. Attempts to use mine search equipment have failed and now an electrical probe is used". (9)



Lindbäck, further away, immediately took his bike and followed the road along the lake until he reached a spot near to the observed crash site. Here he went out on the lake in a rowing-boat.

- When I rowed to the spot I saw that seaweed and water-lilies had been torn off by their roots and thrown ashore. The water was completely muddy and it was impossible to discern if there was an object on the bottom. Water was not deep here, only about two meters, or so.

To the Dagens Nyheter correspondent witness Lindback reported that "the deep mud obstructs the search. The depth of two meters at the crash site is in the shallow part of the lake which is much deeper at other points, but the lake is only two or three square kilometres in area". (10)

Later, a civilian expert from the Boliden mining company arrived with an instrument that would indicate iron objects in the water.

- The instrument resembled today's metal detectors, says Karl-Gösta Bartoll, but in those days it was unique. For almost two weeks we searched the lake, but all we found was a wood-gas burner and a few other familiar iron objects. (6)

Rumours went wild, however, one week after the crash, distributed by the national press:

"The rocket projectile has been found, according to precise (sic!) information. This could not be confirmed, however, on the Sunday evening since a lightning storm had broken the telephone lines to Kølmmjärv. The military... (had) first used mine search equipment, but later changed to an iron detector. A steelwire is stretched across the 150 meters lake... The whole lake has been squared, and now it seems that the efforts have been rewarded. Late on Sunday evening Dagens Nyheter made contact with captain Dimander of the local defence staff in Kalix. He had had no contact with Kølmmjärv on the Sunday, since the lines had been broken. In Överkalix there were persistent rumours Sunday evening that the bomb had been located... The projectile was three meters long and painted with white letters". (11)

Authorities denied the rumours, of course:

"According to information from the Air Defence division of the Defence Staff "the ghost bomb" has not yet been found... Rumours on Sunday that it had been recovered are completely unfounded". (12)

Finally, in mid-August, the stream of speculations ended in question marks:

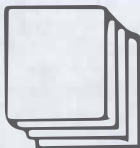
"The investigations of a claimed projectile crash site has now been suspended without results. Except for electrical mine searches, geological ore detectors have been used. In all spots where the instruments have reacted to metal further searches were made with trawls, electrical sounding and the mud was even sifted. Drainage of the lake will not be attempted". (13)

And so ended the search which the Chief of the Swedish Air Defence Nils Ahlgren labeled "the safest indication of a crash" (14), in nothing. But behind the newswires there was more to the story...

4. Sabotage

The military investigation of the small Norrbotten lake was not to go about undisturbed. After a few days a sentinel discovered a couple of mysterious persons sneaking about in the woods near the crash point. They were spotted several times and finally lieutenant Bartoll ordered live ammunition in the weapons.

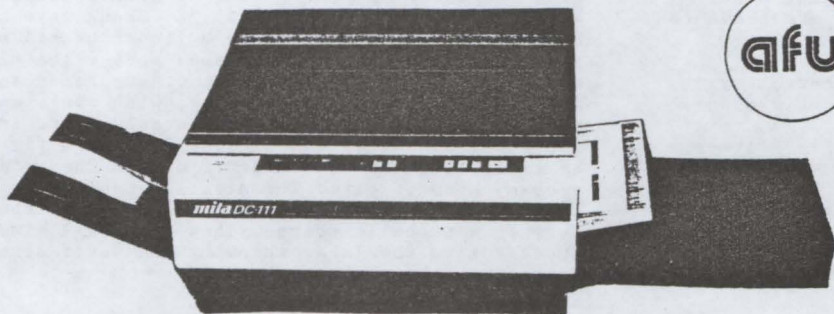
- Finally, we dared not use our phones to report to headquarters in Boden, but sent our reports by an orderly-man. In the end someone even cut off the



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telephone lines with cutting nippers (maybe the "lightning storm" referred to by Dagens Nyheter on July 29?).

The two mysterious men kept hidden and no spies were ever caught. (6) Immediately after the first newswire report from the Swedish news agency, the Defence Staff appealed to the newspapers not to print the exact name of the lake and instead use "southeastern Norrbotten" in their reporting. (15) Obviously this was too late since many papers had already published the lake's name. This limited censorship was then generally imposed and place names disappeared in most ghost rocket reports after July 20.

Lieutenant Bartoll was transferred, when the Kõlmjärvi search was called off, to Gällivare where a few people in a summer cottage had seen an object fall into a lake.

- Their sighting was almost identical to Knut Lindbäck's, but that lake was too deep and we could not accomplish any search, says Bartoll.

- There are many indications that the Kõlmjärvi object disintegrated itself, he continues. First of all, Lindbäck saw a second cascade of water after the first impact and, secondly, an old lady living in a cottage near the crash site reported she had heard a muffled thunder-clap. The object was probably manufactured in a light-weight material, possibly a kind of magnesium alloy that would disintegrate easily, and not give any indications on our instruments.

What is your opinion then, what did people see this summer...?

- There was definitely no psychosis, says Bartoll. What people saw were real, physical objects. My personal theory is that they were German, or Russian, test weapons launched by the Russians from one of the Baltic states. We who worked in the field never knew what it was all about since the Defence Staff never released their results to the local level. Similar searches were, simultaneously, made in five or six other Swedish lakes, but there were no remains found in any of the cases. (6)

5. Comparison cases

Knut Lindbäck and Beda Persson were not the only people to report ghostly rockets falling into lakes. At least half-a-dozen clear-cut cases can be spotted in the Swedish press.

Only fifteen minutes before the Kõlmjärvi crash, 11-year old Kurt Larsson from Storbäck, 20 km north Överkalix, was frightened by an object that hit the small lake Kattistjärn (23 km NE of Kõlmjärvi) where he was angling. A roaring sound was heard from above and seconds later a 10-15 meters tall column of water raised in front of him, but no sound of an explosion.

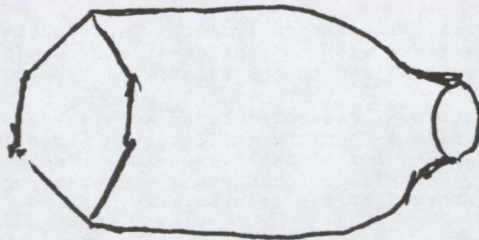
- It was a very strange sound, as if the wind was blowing very hard in the trees, Kurt Larsson remembers 38 years later. (16) But it was too loud, and the trees weren't moving. Suddenly something hit the water with a splashing sound 150 meters in front of me, but I never had a chance to see what it looked like.

When the military arrived two days later they made it clear that this was not a thing that Kurt should discuss in public. No further investigation was ever made of the lake. Five meters of mud prevented the divers from searching.

- I believe the thing is still down there, says Kurt Larsson today. It did certainly not explode.

At about the same time (11.30 on July 19) farmer Leonard Danielsson and his three sons watched a cylindrical object cross the skies of Bölebyn near Piteå in north-Sweden, on a northwesterly course. (17). Kjell Danielsson, 13 years old at the time, never forgets the aluminum-shining object that travelled across the sky this summerday: (18)

"Flying milk-can" seen by Kjell Danielsson on July 19, 1946. Sketch made on June 20, 1984.



- It was a most peculiar thing, shaped like a milkcan, rather thick and reflecting the sun as it from time to time rotated around its axis. We had a good look at it for more than 15 minutes. It was completely soundless.

So, we have three sightings within a quarter of an hour.

Let us, finally, detail two similar "lake crashes":

"Four persons working in a lumberyard near a big lake in mid-Norrland heard an intense hissing from the air. As they looked up they saw what resembled a small airplane at an altitude of a few hundred meters. The object had a short body without a tail and a couple of small winglike projections on the flanks. It went extremely fast at an angle of about 65 degrees, crashing into the lake. There was clear weather and all witnesses are fully sure of their observations". (19) It should be noted that this crash, too, occurred at noon-time (11.30) some three weeks after the Kõlmjärvi incident; on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1946.

The second case, this one from Norway, has been reported by Bjørn Øverbye in a FSR article (20), but we will repeat his translation here. The Mjøsa case occurred at noon-time (1) on July 18, thus almost exactly 24 hours before the Kõlmjärvi crash:

"In the middle of Norway there is a big lake called Mjøsa. At a small farm at the southern end of this lake a farmer and his family had witnessed strange objects at short range. He and his son were working outside the barn, while his wife and daughter were working at a small hill-top just near the farm. It was 12.00 noon, the sky was clear, the lake completely calm, and everything as it should be on a warm summer's day. Then suddenly his wife heard something:

"A strange sound was suddenly heard in the air. Perhaps an aeroplane was coming at low altitude. The sound, however, was not like the noise from an aeroplane. Instead, it was more like a mighty wind blowing. Soon afterwards they saw two rocket-like things that passed over their heads at such high speed, and so low that they threw themselves to the ground. They could see the treetops swaying from the air pressure.

"In the yard, Sigvart Skaug and his son were standing and watching "the flying X" from a somewhat greater distance, perhaps 150 ft. Skaug says that they were very much like the V-1 that he had seen in pictures. Ordinary aeroplanes they certainly could not have been. They were cigar-shaped and appeared to be about 7 ft. long, with wings extending 3 ft. from the body and fastened 3 ft. from the nose, almost at the middle. The wings fluttered as if they had been made of cloth. They did not see any kind of fire. The missiles passed overhead close together, one just a little ahead of the other, on a parabolic course. They then fell simultaneously into the lake, throwing the water several feet up in the air".

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LJUDBANDSARKIVARIE

I AFU:s arkiv finns idag en mindre samling av ljudband med inspelade föredrag, intervjuer och radio/TV-program. Vår avsikt är att genom lån och nyinspelningar utveckla samlingen och öka vår täckning av "det talade ordet". Vi känner till ett antal samlingar och Din uppgift blir att - för vår räkning - arbeta med inlån, kopiering och katalogisering av ljudbandsinspelningar.

Vi förutsätter att Du är intresserad av ljudteknik och har tillgång till två bra bandspelare (den ena gärna en rullbandspelare) så att direktavspelningar på kassetter kan göras via kabel. Vår ekonomi har just nu ingen budget för det här jobbet så en tia till ett kassetband då och då kan kanske bli Din ideella insats, plus intresse och tid. Du kan naturligtvis även göra kopior för egen räkning. Huvudsamlingen av band vill vi helst ha i vår bibliotekslokal i Norrköping så att den blir tillgänglig för våra låntagare. Bandar Du, eller har gamla inspelningar, vill vi gärna ha en förteckning över vad Du har!

Vår blivande ljudbandsarkivarie kan bo var som helst i Sverige. Är Du intresserad kontakta Håkan Blomqvist eller Anders Liljegren via tel. eller brev.



To study paranormal phenomena within an academic framework

Book review by
Anders Liljegren

Academic dissertations on paranormal phenomena are not very common. Swedish researcher Solveig Almquist has, according to an interview in a Swedish weekly (1), always been interested in death and folk-belief in the transition between life and death. The subject of revenants (Swedish: gengångare) is an acceptable field of study within comparative religion and folklore.

Dr. Almquist has now completed her dissertation in this area, which is based on a primary source material of more than 100.000 Swedish folk-tales. From this Dr. Almquist extracted 1.815 of the most valuable accounts for a case catalog on which she performed a detailed statistical analysis and then a genre-analytical study.

"Revenant experiences seems to originate in dreams and in visions experienced in a waking state. Our texts have seldom enabled us to come to an exact conclusion as to which of the above lies behind them, but in the corpus analysis we have endeavored to interpret the contents of the texts. 710 instances of the total of 1.815 records have been interpreted as hallucinations, 147 as illusions or pseudohallucinations, 11 as dreams, 28 as hypnagogic experiences and 13 as a combination of all four." (p.201)

"These experiences lead us to the conclusion that the belief in revenants is, in the opinion of informants, not founded on vague speculation but on concrete personal experience the reality of which is confirmed by the evidence of the senses." (p. 190). - - "These investigations confirm the thesis of this study: that religion is both a social phenomenon that can be explained psychologically and at the same time a conviction that there is a supernatural world which must be interpreted in parapsychological terms." (pp. 201-2).

From the reviewer's point of view it is revealing to note the similarity between early research into - and collection of - folktales in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and UFO "investigation" in the 1950s, 60s and even the 70s. In her source-critical chapter Dr. Almquist concludes that "importance was attached to the texts of tradition, while the people behind those texts and the world they lived in were secondary"... "We must not forget the role of personality and social context" (pp. 10-11). It is only in the late 70s and early 80s that ufology, in a few corners of the world (very little in Sweden!), has come to recognize this truth.

Works such as Almquist's remind us that academia is not only reserved for extremely hardware subjects but is also open to "loose" and seemingly "absurd" subjects and motifs. It is untrue that science has no interest in the study of reports of paranormal phenomena, including UFOs. Twelve years ago the then Swedish Secretary of Defence, Mr. Sven Andersson, made it clear that "if someone has serious research going on (regarding UFOs) and the professors of a faculty recommend studies we will open our archives. I can guarantee that". (2)

A study of "flying saucer tales" within the framework of folklore, comparative religion, psychology or sociology would be possible, and could provide a data base of great value for possible extended studies by other disciplines who work with hardware. Such a project would not have to ride on a million-dollar budget, but would preferably be a consistent, long-time effort by one, or a few, interested people working on a very, very modest basis. The only problem is that there is no person(s) (that we know of!) in Sweden who has the capacity, competence and incentive for such a detailed study and follow-up of archives which are, in part, already available. The project would require many years of careful sampling, interviews and analysis under the aegis of an academic institution, and it will probably not lead to easy answers. Who picks up that ball? (If this review gives someone the push for a work that will bloom in 10 or 15 years time I would be very proud!)

Solveig Almquist: Gengångarföreställningar i svensk folketro ur genreanalytisk synpunkt. (Revenants in Swedish Folk-Belief from the Genre-Analytical Point of View). Akademisk avhandling för filosofie doktorsexamen, Stockholms universitet, Religionshistoriska institutionen. - Stockholm, Almquist & Wiksell International, Box 45150, S-104 33 Stockholm, Sweden, 1984. - 219 pp, softcover, bibliography, Sw.kr. 115, plus postage.

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One further note:

I almost forgot to mention another academic dissertation, at the same faculty, which was much closer to UFO research than the Almquist study. In 1970 - at the age of 72 - general Axel Ljungdahl (right), former head of the Swedish Air Force 1954-60, completed his doctoral dissertation Prophet movements, their causes, import and the conditions under which they arise. Among 54 prophecy movements compared and analyzed were the Marian Keesh group (data derived from the Festinger study), the Danish Borup group (who built lead shelters in 1967 to protect against an imminent catastrophe foretold by the space being Orthon), and the 1930s north-Swedish Korpela movement (which - contemporary to the ghost flier wave in the same area - predicted that a "Silver Arch" would land from the sky in 1937 or 38 to save a faithful gathering of 664 persons to be transported to a new paradise in Palestine).

As a humorous sideline be it noted that when general Ljungdahl defended his work, and with the Swedish Commander-in-Chief among the audience, a saucer enthusiast had sneaked into the company to voice his dissatisfaction - as an extra, off-program opponent - with the way the general had treated the saucer subject. However, Ljungdahl received special congratulations from academic opponents for his good documentation on the Danish Borup group (see Keel: UFOs, Operation Trojan Horse, pp. 282-83), based on his personal interviews.

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International interest for Ufocode

The library classification system - Ufocode - that I developed for our library catalogue (distributed with AFU 26, in February 1984) has earned a great international interest with favourable comments from researchers in many countries. To quote John Keel in an article from the 60s: "An adequate general index system has been notably absent in the ufological field and published data is often lost because of this lack."

Correspondents have asked me whether there was any kind of "copyright" attached to the idea - of course not! You are welcome to use Ufocode for your personal files as much as you like! Other questions have concerned the future development of Ufocode since I (more or less deliberately) had designated the code as "version 1". Frankly, I don't have any immediate plans for a new version, since version 1 was developed for finding data in AFU's stock of books, and that project is now completed. I have, however, developed an alphabetical A-Z cross-reference listing of about 1.000 subject headings covered by the code, plus a systematic cross-reference list where, under each heading, you'll find the relevant books or book chapters on that particular subject. There are a total of 5.000 such cross-references in this computerized listing, which I developed on an IBM System/34 computer, last summer. If there is an interest I will try and arrange photo-copies (re-

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Arkivet för UFO-forskning söker bl.a. följande litteratur för att komplettera våra existerande samlingar:

Tidskrifter:

APRO Bulletin, 1957 och tidigare;
Fate Magazine, 1964 och äldre;
Flying Saucer Review, årgång 1955, -56 och -57;
(Saga's) UFO Report, 1977 och tidigare, speciellt utgåvan "Fall 1974" med artikel om "The Ghost rockets of 1946";
Official UFO, tidiga (mer pålitliga) årgångar, speciellt October 1976 med Don Berliner's artikel "The Ghost Rockets of Sweden";
Skylook, nr 1-49, d.v.s årgång 1967-1971;
Science Publications Newsletter, utgiven av Carol Honey, alla årgångar sökes;
UFO Quarterly Review, tidskrift utgiven av NICAP i ett antal nummer åren 1973-1974.

Böcker:

Festinger, Riecken & Schachter: When prophecy fails. Minneapolis, 1956.
Trevor James: They live in the sky. Los Angeles, 1958.
C.J.E. Hasselberg: Under polstjärnan. Uppsala, 1935. (Om Korpela-rörelsen i Norrbotten)
Rudolf Lussar: Die deutschen Waffen und Geheimwaffen des zweiten Weltkriegs und ihre Weiterentwicklung. München, 1956. Även engelsk upplaga av stort intresse!
Josef Maliszewski: Josef Maliszewski. En dansk kontaktperson. FUFOS, 1970.
Walter Dornberger: The V-2, a shot into the universe. Från 1950-talet.

Pressurklipp:

Alla svenska klipp före 1967, speciellt lokala klippsamlingar;
Urklipp om 1930-talets spökflygare, 1946 års spökraketer, tidiga svenska UFO-observationer, det svenska försvarets inställning till UFO-fenomenet;
Urklipp om 1970-talets spökflygningar i Värmland och i Skåne ur dagspressen.

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HR GHOST ROCKETS, SCANDINAVIA 1946					
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Sample listing from AFU's computerized reference catalog. Numbers under each heading refer to our library catalog.

duced size as this newsletter) at an expected cost of 50-60 SEK, but please don't send the money yet, just tell me of your interest!

I wish to thank (among others) Massimo Greco, Adolf Schneider, Gray Barker, Thomas E. Olson & A. J. Gevaerd for writing nice comments. I wish I could put more work into the Ufocode project and general indexes of the UFO literature, but maybe this is something for an international "standardization committee" although I personally hate the very thought of armchair ufologists & computer maniacs, with little experience in literature searches for ufologists, taking over... Anyway, I have other tasks waiting!

Ufology - non-funded...

Feeling the pressure of many urgent projects waiting and an economy situation...well, we're not funded by anyone but ourselves...AFU distributed - in February 1984 - requests to ten chosen Swedish research foundations for information. Our letter listed six subject areas where we felt an interest and where we thought there was a modest chance of support. The costs of each project would be very, very modest - between 2.000 and 20.000 SEK each.

Responses came from 5 of the foundations, the rest didn't even bother to answer our "feeler". The five answers were mainly negative: Foundations usually pour money into giant academic (that is: university) works only. One small foundation, funding works on "north-Swedish cultural history and philology" sent a nice reply, but each work is supported by an average of 1.000-1.500 SEK only. (That particular foundation was, in fact, instituted by one of the most diligent debaters in the Swedish parliament on the 1930s ghost flier reports). Anyway, we've learned a lesson from this experiment - we will have to find ways of our own to finance the AFU foundation...

AFU "centralized" in one place...

In May 1984 Håkan Blomqvist, chairman of the AFU foundation, decided to flee the big city of Stockholm and take up a living in Norrköping, where (as you may know) the AFU library is located since 1980. Håkan's migration means that we are now three people working actively (at least once each week) in the AFU library & archives. This has also sped up discussions on future plans & policies, including the termination of AFU Newsletter and a more pronounced concentration on long-term projects.

Håkan now works as a free-lance journalist specializing in UFOs and "borderline" occult subjects. Håkan's articles have mainly been in a new much-debated newsstand magazine, Det Okända (The Unidentified, circulation reported abt 20.000), edited by Jan-Ove Sundberg, the journalist who is internationally "famed" for his Loch Ness UFO sighting (or whatever-it-was, see AFU 22 & FSR articles). Jan-Ove and Håkan both feel that their work hasn't been treated in the way they had been promised by the publishers, and Håkan is now spreading his wings to other - more serious - media. Among other projects he has started a regular UFO commentary column in the Swedish occult magazine Sökaren (circulation 3.000), where he will contribute critical reviews on current ufological thinking & prejudices. Look out! Håkan's follow-up on the rather fantastic Swedish Helge contactee case is his contribution to this Newsletter.

New editorial members

In the summer of 1984, before a certain discovery (see below), we had every intention to continue the Newsletter. Therefore we asked a few of our colleagues & previous contributors to join AFU Newsletter as contributing editors. In this short era of thinking (things change very fast!) we visioned a thick AFU issue once each year...

Clas Svahn, an old-time associate of AFU, now working as a journalist with a north-Swedish newspaper, was one of our recruits. Clas writes book reviews and case follow-ups in his newspaper and contributes articles to several other magazines in "our" field. Clas shares the critical outlook on Swedish

ufology that AFU has long had. His contributions to this issue are a review of Fortean Times' anniversary issue & a reinvestigation of a 1946 ghost-rocket crash, probably the most well-investigated of all the more than 1.000 reports that year!

Dan Mattsson, our second new contributing member, has pioneered the analysis work of Swedish UFO cases. His "UFOs in time and space" is a main contribution to this issue, and readers remember his previous study of the Kolmården "window" area (AFU 25). Dan specializes in the study of theories & data pointing to geophysical solutions to the UFO enigma. You might call him "Sweden's Devereux", or "Sweden's Persinger". Dan also takes an active interest in the Norwegian Hessdalen project. (Unfortunately we have not had the resources to follow this project as much as we would have liked, but we can refer interested people to the exchange magazine Nordic UFO Newsletter (edited by M. Kaarbø, Strandgaten 221, N-5000 Bergen, Norway), and to a recent technical report available from Project Hessdalen, PO Box 14, N-3133 Duken, Norway.)

I am sorry that - with such eminent co-workers and other contemplated recruits in Scandinavia - we were not able to continue AFU Newsletter!

New copier increases AFU efficiency

In September 1984 I asked my bank for a loan of 12.000 Sw.kr. To increase efficiency as a library & documentation, and to aid our own research projects, we had found that what we needed most was a plain and simple copier. We finally decided on a Japanese Mira DC-111 new copier. This is now at heavy work in our library! It is, thus, possible to have copies made from our huge collection of 1.200 books, 5-6.000 magazine issues with hundreds of thousands of articles & from more than 20.000 Swedish and international clippings. An invitation to use this facility is directed to Scandinavian researchers in a Swedish-language advertisement in this issue, but we are more than willing to help anyone, anywhere with serious intentions who has problems to locate copies of, say, an old article in FSR, APRO Bulletin or Round Robin. We have an extensive collection of uforalia which we think has few counterparts in the world! Previous and new donors of materials for our library will find this new service as yet another sign of our willingness to keep the AFU collection as "open" as possible!

The copier is used by AFU to build and supplement our files of Swedish news clippings. We are building a chronological "master file" of every news story & article we can find in the Swedish press. If you have an old collection of Swedish news-clips please notify us! We would possibly like to borrow it, especially if it concentrates on the pre-1967 period!

Håkan and I are also using the copier as a tool for building our personal research files related to our special interests (contactee cases and

If you plan to visit Sweden....

...AFU is always happy to meet and discuss with international ufologists. You are welcome to our library and to study our work & files. The library is situated in Norrköping, a medium-sized Baltic seaport town some 200 kilometres south of Stockholm. The voyage from Stockholm will take you about two hours by train, or you could board a SAS DC-9 airliner several times daily that brings you directly from Copenhagen to Norrköping. The area has a very nice archipelago, a well-known zoo and nice hotel accommodations for your comfort, but you are welcome to a free and friendly stay with us if you, please, try to inform us of your stay in advance.

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historical ufology, respectively). For instance, I am now copying everything available on UFOs in the 1930-1946 period, plus all relevant written words on "ghost fliers", "foo fighters", "ghost rockets" and "unidentified everyday objects".

AFU's integration into society...

For years AFU has had the policy of establishing links with official institutions, serious researchers and media people. We have long thought that UFO research could, at least, arrive at a semi-official acceptance by society if a well-managed library & documentation centre - with obvious serious intentions - was offered to the interested researcher, librarian, news-media worker or "man in the street".

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Entry on AFU in the new 1984 directory "Library and information services in Sweden". Archives for UFO Research is one out of 534 libraries and information centers introduced in the new edition.

As part of this policy Håkan has tried to influence several official, or semi-official, institutions to accept us as a specialized library, and to list us in their respective directories. It now seems that this long-term work has finally succeeded. In March 1984 we completed a questionnaire from the governmental DFI (The Delegation for Scientific and Technical Information) and we understand that AFU will be listed and introduced in their next issue of "Library and information services in Sweden", due soon. We have also completed a similar questionnaire from TLS (The Technical Literature Association) and expect a similar recognition in their next edition of "Swedish specialized libraries and documentation centers", probably in 1985.

"Ghost rockets" files finally located!

For decades researchers all over the world have pondered over the very early UFO waves - several of them had an odd tendency to occur over Sweden! (John Keel, in one of his articles, claimed that a wave in 1909 forced the Swedish government to establish the world's first "saucer bureau" in 1910, I wonder where he got those data, can anyone help??) I am thinking, of course, of the "ghost fliers" in the 1930s and the "ghost rockets" in 1946. I have described, in AFU 24, how I found the core of files on the 1934/37 period intrusions of unidentified aircraft over the northern parts of Sweden. Work on the documentation of this area has progressed a lot, but every new piece in the puzzle seems to raise dozens of other leads and the work is very time-consuming. I am having a very bad conscience about the data I am "withholding" (not intentionally, though!).

In the spring of 1984 I received from Clas Svahn his valuable article on the Kølmmjärv ghost rocket crash, which he had reinvestigated (see this is-

sue). One bright summer day, inspired by this new information, I decided to put all available pieces together concerning the 1946 wave. Reading all available data in the AFU archives it suddenly occurred to me that Swedish researchers, who had previously requested the 1946 government file, had underestimated the wealth of data. If - as the official summary in October 1946 stated - there were 1,000 reports this would be much more than what could possibly be contained in the small file once photographed in 1965 by a Swedish weekly magazine. That file has since mysteriously disappeared, it is claimed. Besides that, Swedish researchers had long overlooked an important 1976 article by aviation historian Don Berliner where he quotes a multitude of so-far unknown facts, obviously derived from a detailed summary of the 1946 investigations he had received from the Swedish government in the mid-70s. Berliner stated that the detail files were still under secrecy.

Immediately, I wrote the Defence Staff, stating the facts as I knew them. Soon I received word that the files had, in fact, been located and were available for inspection. In September (84) I spent two days in Stockholm skimming through the huge 1946 investigative files that comprises some 1500 or 2000 pages. I ordered copies of abt 650 pages - the core of the material - and these copies are now available at AFU.

The very size and delicacy of this material, available for the first time to ufologists, combined with the 1930s "ghost flier" data located before, makes it obvious that a very, very serious effort has to be made to get this "to the printers", preferably in an intelligent, organized and sensible form!! This is now becoming my one and only goal in ufology, and this is also the reason why AFU Newsletter will be postponed! It is simply impossible to work on book-length manuscripts at the same time as you edit a UFOzine (and have a full-time job to attend to...).

I am not able to even summarize the Defence Staff ghost rocket files at present, but plans are that I will concentrate on further research and editing of the material while Clas Svahn, who will co-operate with me in this project, will try to reinvestigate the best cases, locating and interviewing old witnesses and investigators. He has already found some very interesting pieces of information. Do we have to say that we are both very enthusiastic over the project and the breakthrough that has come in this area??

Computer acquisition planned

Available data in the AFU files are now so wealthy that - to have even a remote chance of organizing and presenting them - I plan to buy a PC (personal computer) with word processing. I see this as a basic requisite if this gigantic material is ever to be presented to fellow ufologists and the public-at-large. The combined texts from Swedish government files, contemporary newspaper accounts, historical & ufology works plus our reinvestigations today will be much more easy to organize into an intelligent picture of what actually happened. Aided by the computer indexes and bibliographical lists are easily produced & sorted, report catalogues for statistical purposes can be built and the result would be (relatively) easy to publish since the texts can be transported to the publisher/printer on floppy discs.

To help finance the coming PC I have taken on a temporary consultancy, in my spare time, that gives me a good extra income. (This is yet another reason why this issue is belated!) In 1984 I donated a fairly large sum to an "AFU research fund" and a similar donation will come during 1985. This money will form a minor ownership for AFU of the PC while I, myself, will invest and take up loans for the rest of the machine.

The new status of AFU

This long explanation of developments during 1984 was necessary in order to bring you an understanding of why I had to take the very sad decision

In October 1968, during the Olympic games in Mexico City, Helge visited the base outside the city. He became very upset as the "brothers" didn't allow him to visit the Olympics.

Obviously the "brothers" still had some connections to the Bahamas, as Helge and his wife went to Nassau, again, during new year 1968-69. This time Anna, too, met one of the aliens.

The story from Anna

On June 1, 1984, I met Helges widow Anna, for a several hours long interview. She is now a lady in her fifties. Like her former husband she is very down to earth and practical. She confirmed almost all the details of the contact and added several interesting pieces of information. What startled me somewhat was her almost total lack of interest in the subject of UFOs.

When Anna first heard of her husband's experience in 1965 she was stunned, but "I believed him, because Helge never lied to me. He was almost cynical, didn't believe in neither God nor the devil". Anna and Helge had even ridiculed the subject of flying saucers before the incident. They regarded the whole subject as nonsense.

After the second contact, when Helge had received the plate and had been ordered to go to the Bahamas, Anna became very upset. "In the autumn of 1966 he began talking of going to the Bahamas. But I said I will never leave the home we have built up".

But Helge insisted that it was an order and showed Anna the plate. She held it in her hand but felt only a certain warmth emanating from the metal.

Nothing happened on the first trip to the Bahamas in March 1967, but on the second trip, during new year 1967-68, Helge had brought the plate.

They stayed at the Columbus Hotel in Nassau. When nothing happened during the first days Helge lost his temper. He through the metallic plate on the floor and shouted he didn't want anything more to do with this whole business. That same evening some of the "brothers" paid him a visit and gave him a sharp warning not to act like that again.

It was during the third visit to the Bahamas, around new year 1968-69, that Anna for the first time met one of the brothers. On this particular night Helge told her she was allowed to come too. They went to a discoteque in Nassau. Anna protested that she didn't feel like visiting such a place but Helge insisted.

They found a table at the second floor and Helge started looking for "the brother" he insisted would be somewhere around. Helge left the table and came back with a man dressed in an illfitting brown costume. The man just nodded his head in a short greeting to Anna.

The man was rather short, and his skin had a peculiar suntan. He had a slight mediterranean or oriental look. The clothes were too large for his rather thin body.

The man went back to his table. Helge explained that he was one of "them". When Helge and Anna started dancing, the man came up and watched very closely. He looked straight into the eyes of Anna. There was a sort of hypnotic power in his eyes. "I will never forget those eyes", said Anna.

This alien had showed Helge a photograph of his family from another planet. He had a wife, children and a house. They lived, he claimed, on a planet in our solar system. Anna believed Helge said Venus or Saturn.

Working for the spacepeople

Anna followed Helge three times to the Bahamas. After 1969, however, he went alone on his missions. Helge was away from home for about a month many times. He came back with a deep suntan. Often the "space people" came to their home outside Stockholm.

Anna always knew when a visit was coming up. Helge became restless and went up very early and dressed. She never insisted on staying at home but went quietly to her work.

Helge acted as a sort of courier for the space people. Sometimes he translated manuscripts with peculiar codes. They also wanted information on military bases and installations in Sweden. This, of course, comes very close to espionage.

Like Adamski, Helge claimed he had travelled in the spaceships. When a mission was coming up he went in his car to a lonely place in the woods and a space ship came and picked him up. On his first trip he became very ill but later adjusted to these experiences. He worked for the spacepeople until his death in 1977.

A doctor's opinion

An important source of information is Dr. E., a doctor of medicine from Stockholm. Helge consulted Dr. E four or five times between 1968 and 1972. On January 7, 1985, I interviewed Dr. E, who has now retired from his profession.

Helge consulted Dr. E the first time because of a bad cold. Later consultations were check ups on his state of health. Dr. E ordered all x-ray plates from the hospital in Uddevalla taken both before and after the reported healing by the humanoids. According to Dr. E the stones in the kidney could have passed through in a natural way, but this was unlikely.

Helge mentioned his UFO contacts to Dr. E, but only fragmentarily. Dr. E listened with an open mind being himself interested in parapsychology and a member of the Swedish Society for Psychical Research.

Dr. E remembers very few details of Helge's story, but he said Helge spoke of visits to Latin America where he was taken to a large hangar outside a big city. In this hangar there were cigar-shaped ships, used by the humanoids.

Dr. E found nothing to indicate mental aberration or psychopathology in Helge. He did, however, get the impression that Helge was a frightened man. Except for this state of fear he differed in no way from the ordinary man in the street.

Who are they?

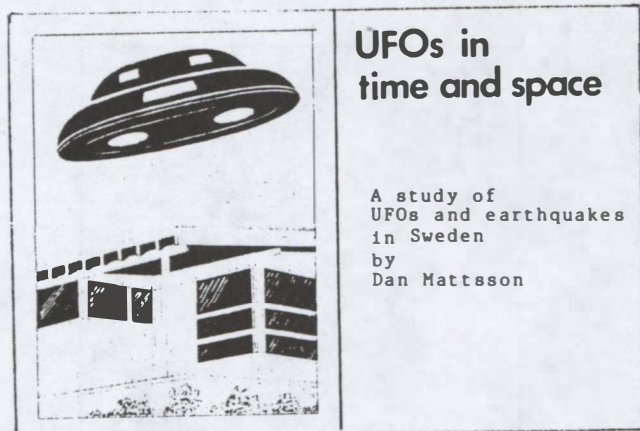
Admittedly this case is spectacular, to say the least. If several of the people involved in the affair hadn't been very close friends of mine, whom I have no reason to doubt, I guess I would never have started an investigation in the first place, but there are just too many witnesses involved to dismiss the case.

There are some conflicting information as to what the spacepeople really wanted and were up to. They healed Helge from his stones in the kidneys. They gave him a car and enough money to pay expenses. They ordered him to start a peace movement. Still Helge wasn't sure they told him the truth.

He didn't really want to work for them. He felt they used him. "They are totally without feelings and can witness the most brutal torture. It means nothing to them", Helge once said to a friend. He felt like an animal in their company. Helge also speculated whether their real objective was to take us over from the inside by infiltrating everywhere.

These people moved around in our society without detection, exactly like Adamski's "brothers". But both Adamski and Menger claimed there were "others" working for a conspiracy against the "brothers" and their plan. Helge once commented on an Adamski-type case in Sweden: "What a pity I wasn't contacted by those people".

These notes are only a few of the additional facts that I have uncovered during my investigations. There is still much to do on this case, several individuals to interview and many sources of information not yet available.



This is an abridged version of an article, "UFO i tid och rum", originally published in UFO-Sverige Aktuellt, nr 2, 1984.

I have studied 153 registered Swedish earthquakes and 494 published UFO observations, all from the years 1963-1978. The UFO sightings are from the Swedish Catalogue (SweCat) compiled by Anders Liljegren (1) and earthquake reports are from the seismological statistics published by the University of Uppsala (2).

Dr. Michael Persinger (3) has developed a theory that anomalous luminosities (UFOs) could originate from tectonic stress. According to Persinger an increase in the number of UFO reports could, in certain areas, be followed by an increase in earthquakes. The period between these events could be as long as two years if larger earthquakes are involved, but is normally about six months or less. The seismic areas involved could be several hundred kilometres wide.

Of great interest is the uneven distribution of UFO sightings in time and space. A period with an increase of sightings in a geographically limited area I will call flap. Worldwide flaps I will call UFO waves and areas which display a constantly higher number of observations than expected I will call UFO-windows.

There have been suggestions (J.B.Delaire, 4) that we have UFO waves about once in ten years and that this should coincide with higher numbers of sunspots. Fig. 1 shows the sunspot cycle (curve) and UFO waves (dark fields). The wave of 1947 began in Sweden the previous year (ghost rockets). The wave of 1957 was not noticed much of in Sweden. The wave of 1977 began in Sweden in the autumn of 1976.

Could there be a relationship between earthquakes and the sunspot cycle? I compared this in fig. 2. The spotted line shows frequency of sunspots while the heavy drawn line measures earthquakes in Sweden. The resemblance between the two curves is really striking!

At first it seems difficult to understand what sunspot activity has to do with earthquakes but the positive correlation could be due to the fact that the rotational speed of the earth is affected, or that sunspots affect the movements of great air-masses which could have some "trigger effect" on earthquakes.

We will now take a look at the geographical distribution of 494 UFO observations from 1963-1978, fig. 3. The distribution is partly explained by population density. There are exceptions, though. The larger cities Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö, Uppsala and Norrköping have, in general, fewer observations than expected. This could be explained by poorer observation conditions, lighter night skies.

The whole northern part of Sweden has twice as many sightings as expected, except for the western mountainous part with low population density.

Local areas with high numbers of sightings are: (I refer you to numbers on fig.3)

1. Gislaved and Gnosjö district. 3,6 times the expected number of observations. This area has had an average of one sighting per year during the 70s. There were no earthquakes in the vicinity until Sept. 6, 1977, when a strong quake occurred. (3,0 on the Richter scale which is more than usual for Sweden). The very same night there were several observations of UFOs. One woman, living 20 km from the epicentre, even thought she saw white-dressed beings on the flying object she observed. After the quake there have been very few sightings from this district.

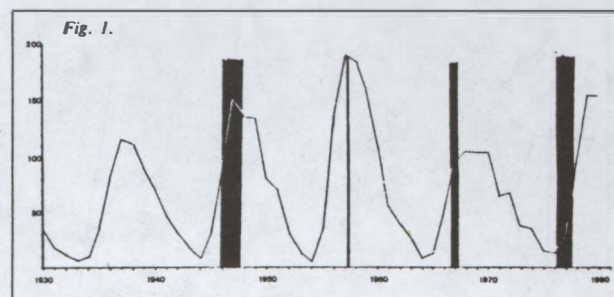
2. Nyköping and Oxelösund district. 4 times the expected number of obs. This district has had, since 1976, an active UFO-Sweden group, but despite this the area has had a constantly high rate of sightings for the last 20 years. Almost all UFO sightings are made in areas with strong magnetic fields, close to the large Bråviken fault line. You will find a close study of this area in AFU Newsletter vol. 25. No earthquakes registered in this area, except for one in 1970, 40 km apart.

3. Köping, Arboga and Kungsör (KAK) District. 8 times the expected number. This is partly explained by the existence of an active UFO-Sweden group, but not totally. The group is still active but the observations have nearly ceased after 1978. No earthquakes registered, except for one 40 km apart in 1973.

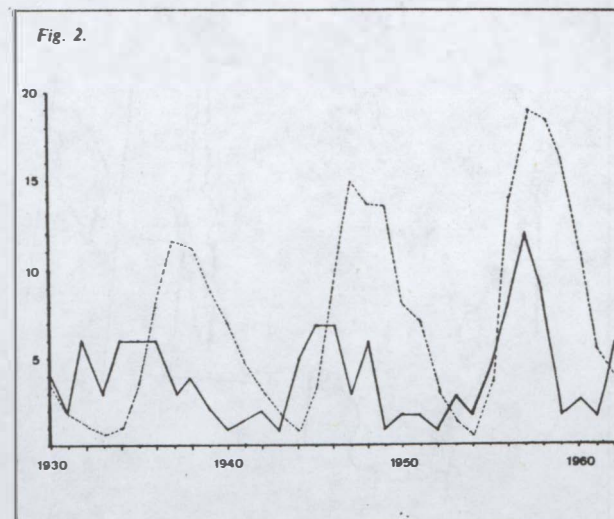
4. Vallentuna. 4 times the expected rate of sightings. Nearly all of the Vallentuna observations (they are about one hundred, mostly unpublished) are from the flap in 1973-74. This is the most intense flap yet in Sweden and some of the observations are very interesting. I will list some of them here:

October 1973: Three pillars of light searching from the clouds towards the ground and, then, from the ground towards the clouds. The light beams were parallel to each other in a 30° angle. As they went out there were flashes on the ground.

February 1974: Four yellow-white beams meet horizontally in an open field. They descend and go out. White, shining UFO with different colours around

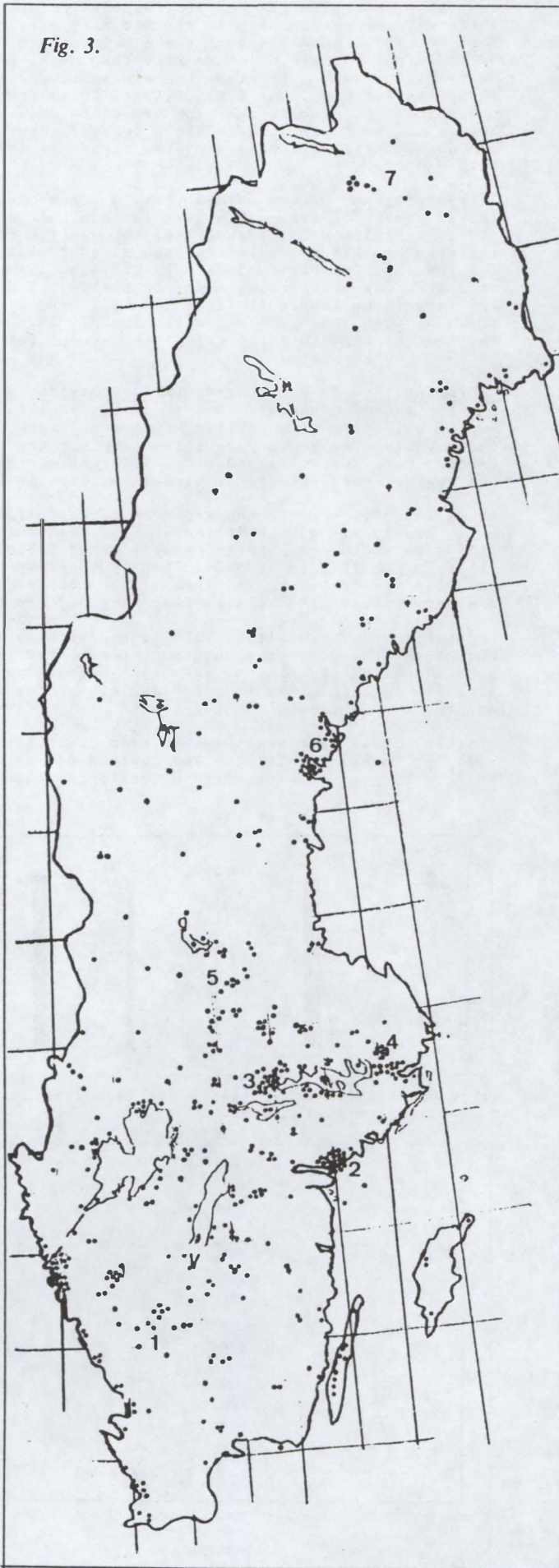


Curve shows frequency of sun spots 1930-1980. Dark columns indicate UFO waves.



Swedish earthquakes 1930-1962 (heavy drawn line) and the sun spot cycle during the same years (dotted line).

Fig. 3.



Geographical distribution of published UFO case reports 1963-1978.

Fig. 4.



Distribution of 153 Swedish earthquakes 1963-1978.



Author Dan Mattsson specializes in the study of UFOs versus geophysical phenomena.

the edges moving across a field. Light-beams from the object against the ground on different occasions. Object leaves but returns after five minutes. Then there are beams from the ground towards the object.

March 24, 1974: 10-30 meters wide UFO of a yellow-white colour descends to an altitude of 4-5 meters. Suddenly there comes, with five second intervals, a beam from the ground against the object. This is repeated three times.

May 26, 1974: An intense red light in the woods. The observers run towards the light. When they arrive about 10 meters from it, it goes out.

Sept. 27, 1974: Beams of light coming from the ground. One meter wide and 25 meters tall.

In this region, north of Stockholm (county of Uppland), there has never been any earthquake. That's why it came as a great surprise that this area, on Dec. 23, 1979, experienced one of the most powerful quakes ever to occur in Sweden. This indicates that there can be very powerful stresses built up in areas where there has never been any earthquake registered. The quake had its epicentre 35 km from Vallentuna.

Is this the explanation why window areas like Nyköping and Vallentuna are out of the earthquake belt? (fig. 4) Is the bedrock and the faults more stable here and the tectonic stress higher?

5. County of Dalarna. Two times the expected number of observations. The sightings follow, exactly, the mining district of Dalarna with a wealth of different minerals, but this is also a more populated area. There are also earthquakes in Dalarna. (The most recent flap of sightings in Dalarna occurred in January, 1985. Editor).

6. Sundsvall and Härnösand area. 2,5 times the expected number of sightings. This makes quite a lot of observations because Sundsvall has a large population. It also has an active UFO-Sweden group, but there are reasons to believe that UFO groups sometimes are products of an increased rate of UFOs. Because of the UFO group, the reports from the Sundsvall area have a higher quality, less number of misidentifications. Sundsvall is, also, an earthquake centre and there are remains of an old volcano here. This makes Sundsvall very interesting and we will return to this area later on.

7. Kiruna and Gällivare. Four times the expected rate of sightings. Kiruna-Gällivare is the main mining district of Sweden. It is also an area with many earthquakes.

The geographical distribution of 153 earthquakes is shown in figures 4 and 5. There is a belt of quake activity from the northeast to the southwest, across Sweden. Sweden is put under pressure at a right angle to this belt as indicated by the lines in fig. 5.

Persinger, in his study, got the strongest correlation between UFO reports and earthquakes using six month increments. Fig. 6 shows number of UFO reports (heavy line) and earthquakes (broken line) for six month periods from 1963 to 1978, in Sweden. The UFO peaks of -67, -71 and -73 are followed by peaks in the earthquake activity during the following period. The high UFO peak of 1976 has a quake peak in the same period.

Next, I tried to find all "flaps" in SweCat. When such a local flap was located I then looked at that area to see if there were any earthquakes after the flap. Chances ought to be greater for a positive correlation between flaps and earthquakes since it is more probable that we have "true" UFOs during a flap than among single sightings. The flaps I found are:

Year(s)	month(s)	number of obs.	flap area
1965	Aug.-Dec.	5	Arboga, Örebro and Karlstad
1967	March-April July-Aug.	12	Norrbottnen & Västerbottnen
1971	Jan.-Febr.	3	Sundsvall
1973	January	4	Dalarna
1973	July, Sept-Nov	5	Norrbottnen
1973-74	Nov.-March	6	Vallentuna
1975	Oct, Dec.	7	Värmland
1976	Febr-April, June	7	Sundsvall
1976	May	5	Norrbottnen
1977	Febr-March	4	Norrbottnen

During the autumn of 1976 there was an increase in observations over the whole of Sweden but I was unable to detect any local flaps during this period. It is very interesting that we have no flaps from the southern part of Sweden (south of the Stockholm area), despite the fact that a majority of the population lives here. The flaps from the northernmost counties (Norrbottnen, Västerbottnen) are more widespread and not very local. The very local flaps we find in mid-Sweden (Värmland, Dalarna and the Sundsvall area).

Figures 7-12 show flaps and the following earthquakes. The maps show UFO observations and earthquakes occurring during the respective periods.

The most interesting area which, on two occasions, has shown a correlation is Sundsvall-Härnösand. I took a closer look at this district. From the local group I have gotten more observation data (not published before). There are a total of 54 sightings from a 20-years-period. From the seismic department of the Uppsala university I received data on a total of 14 quakes from the area (62-63°N, 17-19°E). Fig. 13 shows that the correlation is very strong. Only two earthquakes (1970, 1973) were not preceded by UFO reports.

Figures 14-16 shows the same comparison for three other areas. The accordance is not as clear as in the Sundsvall area, but here we also have much larger areas.

I am aware that, although some facts in this study suggest a correlation UFOs/earthquakes, it is not proven yet. Maybe this article can give some ideas on how to proceed.

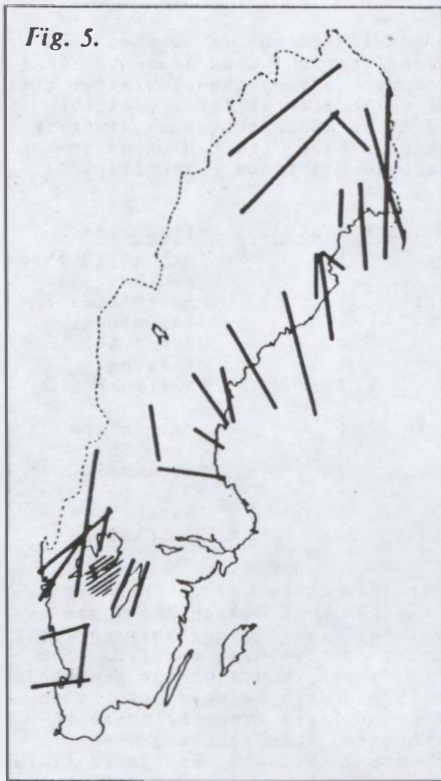
From now on the seismograph is actually a tool for the ufologist. In Norway, the "Project Hessdalen", on my suggestion, have had a seismograph in use for six months. It did not, however, record any movements in the bedrock of the valley. The Hessdalen flap is now into its fourth year. In November 1984 sightings have started up again.

For more details about the Swedish study please write to: Dan Mattsson, Pl 7259, S-611 90 Nyköping, Sweden. I want to get in touch with other ufologists involved in similar studies.

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Fig. 5.



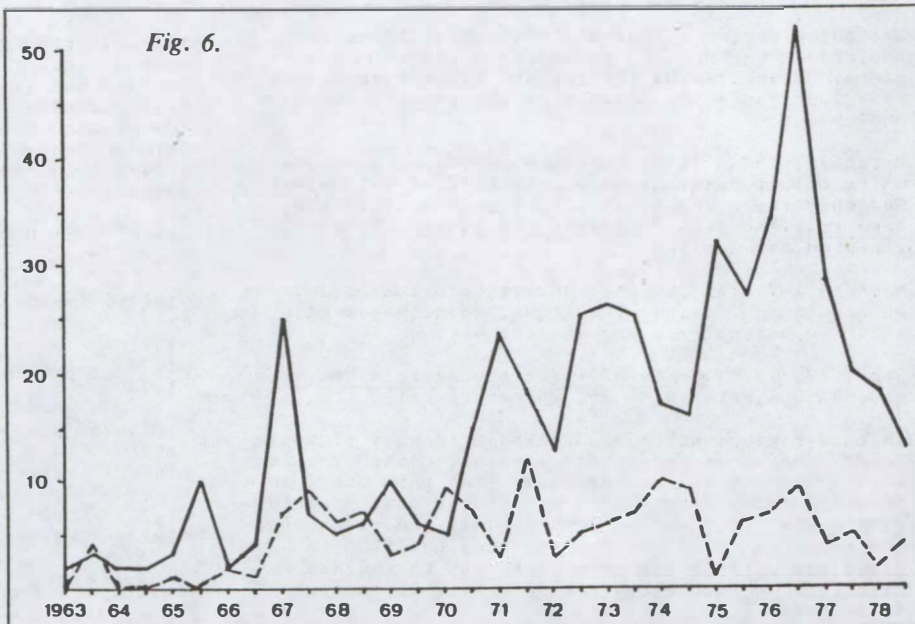
Lines indicate zones where most earth quakes occur.

Fig. 7.



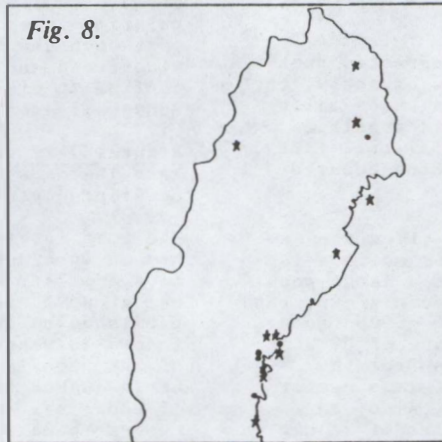
UFO sightings (dots) and earth quakes (stars) during 1967. Note that 1/3 of UFOs occurred in the county of Västerbotten, where few earthquakes occur.

Fig. 6.



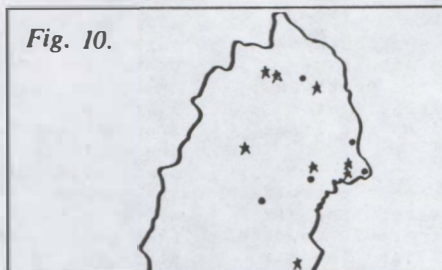
Number of UFO sightings (heavy-drawn) and number of earthquakes (dotted) during six month periods, 1963-1978.

Fig. 8.



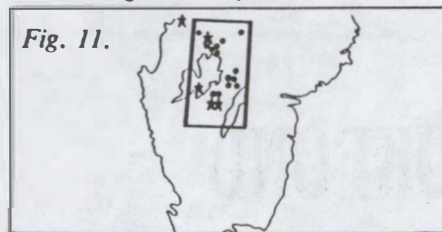
UFO sightings first half of 1971. All quakes for 1971. Note concentration in the Sundsvall-Härnösand area.

Fig. 10.



UFOs during second half of 1973 and all quakes during next year, 1974.

Fig. 11.



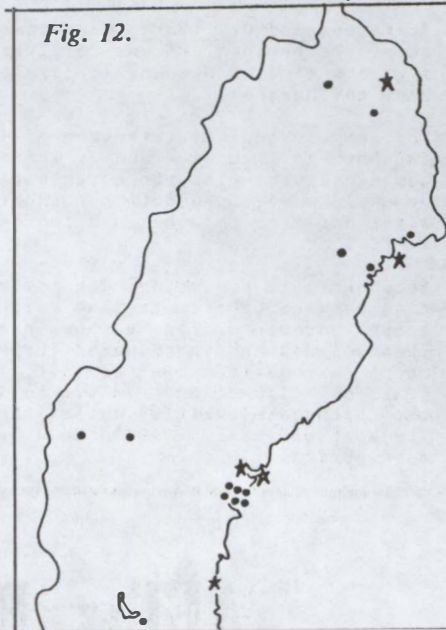
All UFO sightings in the Lake Vänern area Oct. 1975 - April 1976. Earth quakes (stars) occurred between March and Sept. 1976.

Fig. 9.



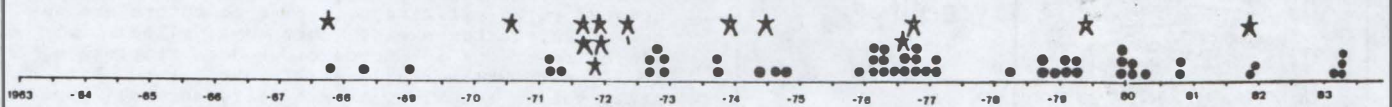
All UFO reports and earthquakes first half of 1973. UFO flap in the county of Dalarna occurred on a "weak zone", compare figure 5. Quake in Dalarna, May 30.

Fig. 12.



All 1976 UFOs (dots) and all quakes (stars) during the second half of -76. Both concentrate in three areas: the iron ore fields in the north, the northern Baltic and the Sundsvall area.

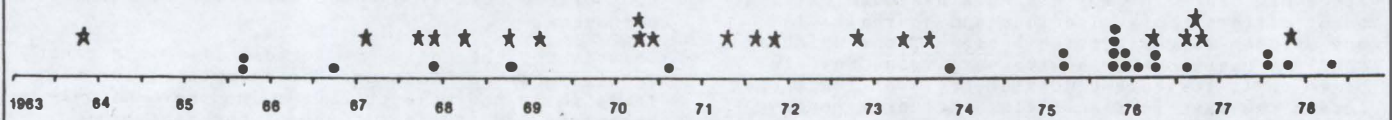
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The Sundsvall - Härnösand area.

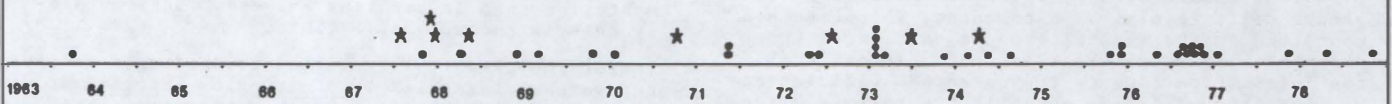
UFO sightings (dots) and earth quakes (stars) during the 1963-1983 period.

Fig. 14.



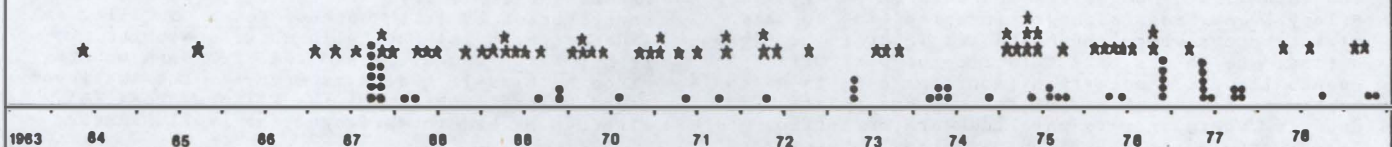
The Lake Vänern area (counties Värmland & Västergötland) in the 1963-78 period.

Fig. 15.



Dalarna. (60°-61°N).

Fig. 16.



Västerbotten-Norrbotten.

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On coding of the observed "reality"

A review of
Fortean Times'
10th anniversary
issue by
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This year it is 110 years since Charles Fort was born in Albany, New York. His mission in life became to collect and catalog "damned" facts - occurrences men of science would not even have a look at.

Since his death in 1932 his work has been carried on by different organizations and journals (1). One of them is the British Fortean Times which recently brought out an anniversary issue to celebrate their 10-years-old existence. An issue that covers the vast fortean field, including monsters, UFOs and parapsychological phenomena.

A big part of this anniversary issue is concentrated on the question how one should take care of, and investigate, the great number of cases available in the Fortean fields.

The magazine's editor, Bob Rickard, feels that the feed-back from the central organizations to the local level groups and individuals must be improved - otherwise there is a great risk that many reports will never come in. A phenomenon well-known to UFO-Sweden, the national Swedish UFO group.

Rickard proposes a model where one or several local groups collectively buy a computer, which is then connected to the central group's data base. When the number of computers rise at the local level, the information flow to the data base will increase, but this will also occur in the reverse direction. Everyone should - at any time - have access to the archives. This, says Rickard, will give an increased feeling of implication and an increased willingness to report cases.

Charles Fort himself was not so much interested in the quantity of data as in the relationship between different incidents, incidents often separated in time and space. But how is one then to find these correlations? Here Bob Rickard has no solutions, his computers are only meant for information input, as a primary working tool.

UFO author, and one of the founders of ASSAP (2), Hilary Evans, sees a danger in attempting to make rigid systems where phenomena are later to be classified. He thinks that this line of work will eventually exclude certain important aspects which happen to fall near any of the extreme points. Odd details, where answers may hide, are forgotten. Evans warns against a blind faith in computerization of UFO and fortean phenomena.

"...if there are going to be any breakthroughs, it's not going to be the data-collectors who will do it, but the data-jugglers - a Michell, a Keel, a Holiday, a Persinger", writes Evans. A message undoubtedly applauded by Carl-Axel Jonzon (3), among others.

Even Jacques Vallée, the great forerunner in UFO data processing, and one who has also specialized in the extreme points of UFO phenomena, finds dangers in a superstitious belief in the capacity of computers (4): "It's definitely a fallacy that the group of us here, or any other group of people anywhere, is going to find the answer to the UFO problem, computer or no computer!".

Vallée thinks that the most important task for the UFO groups must be a fast publishing of all cases received, thereby giving more people a chance to analyze them. And it is the witness' own testimony that should be the focus, not data coded for use by computers. When it comes to the compilation of listings, making comparisons and speedy updates to an existing data base computers are superior to the human mind. But, says Vallée: "...if you're trying to encode or produce statistics in a domain where you literally don't know what it is you're studying, it's a different ball game! ...it's literally garbage in and garbage out."

In spite of this, Swedish ufology has already chosen this "narrow path". At least for the moment. The data processing currently performed in cooperation between UFO-Sweden and Project U.R.D. will, at an early stage, sift out all extreme aspects such as contactee cases, ufonaut reports and parapsychological-type phenomena connected to the sighting. These aspects will never be loaded into the computer. Why, then? Well, because a chosen group of scientists once said that they wouldn't take part in an analysis of the final figures if these particular phenomena were taken into the scheme. Thus the UFO movement makes the same mistake as they have always accused scientists of: the deletion of too strange and too difficult-to-explain phenomena.

This is not the policy of Fortean Times. "Monster" specialist Loren Coleman, for example claims that it is fully possible that UFOs, monster and poltergeists are manifestations of the same basic phenomenon, or generated by the same stimulus.

Jerome Clark, associate editor of Fate Magazine, honours the same methodology as Hilary Evans in his very interesting contribution "Confessions of a Fortean sceptic", where he emphasizes the importance of treating each UFO case as if it was unique before making a comparison with other cases.

Clark warns all those who investigate mysteries: "The problem is that some of us, even after all this time, even after we have no excuse for not knowing better, seem more interested in pursuing mysteries than in securing answers." Unfortunately this is too much of a truth.

One of the classical mysteries touched upon in the anniversary issue is "the Cottlingley fairies" of 1917. Several authors choose to write about this case, which is delicate to both camps. Those who believed in the pictures were left with the shame when they were disclosed as forgeries, while those who had attempted to explain them found themselves trapped with a series of excuses even more strange (5). What many seem to have forgotten is that the girls still maintain they saw the fairies, although the photos were only a joke aimed at the adults.

The difficulties science meets in handling problems which they cannot fit into their paradigms; frauds and credulity, are the subjects for the contribution by Irish authour Peter Costello. As a deterring sample he tells about anatomist Arthur Keith who dismissed the Loch Ness monster since he himself had never seen it, but swallowed - and helped propagate - the Piltown hoax (6), although he had investigated the skull himself.

The Piltown skull was accepted by several generations of anthropologists because it fitted a pattern many of them hoped they would find. A monster, on the other hand, fitted no pattern at all. Therefore, it isn't strange that Arthur Keith never bothered to go to Loch Ness to talk to the witnesses before condemning them in a Daily Mail article in 1934. What scientist would come to think of criticizing a colleague for a mistake of that kind?

Unfortunately it has turned out that scientists are not very keen on checking each others results. Monetary gain, honour and career are factors that affect them too (7).

In other words, there is a tendency to accept results that seem credible, without control, until the opposite has been proved. Many applaud the

principle "much rather a theory that proves false than no theory at all" (since such a theory creates questions and objections, and will eventually lead to better theories).

In Portean study the situation is another. Here it is a question of taking shelter instead of trying to disprove theories that might be wrong. A sad fact for scientists as well as mystery researchers.

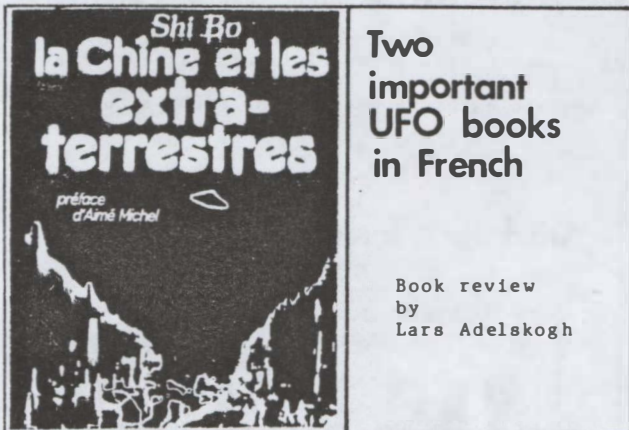
Charles Fort himself was (naturally) very sceptical about the scientists inability to see the world from his viewpoint. He looked upon them as a fraternity with small possibilities to put their noses over the wall they had built for their own protection (8).

These are some of the thoughts that linger on you after reading the 75 pages thick anniversary issue. An issue crammed with facts and interesting thoughts from a wide area. Quality of the texts is high and the authors - 23 of them - all well-known.

Charles Forts work, which resulted in four books, is now examined and the sources are dusted off. The end result will be a new, revised and illustrated edition of "The complete books of Charles Fort", where there will be an exhaustive section of source notes appended. A giant work we will have to wait for yet a few years.

Notes:

1. Fortean Times, The Fortean Society (discontinued), INFO (International Fortean Organization) and SITU (Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained).
2. ASSAP (Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena) with headquarters in London.



Jean-Claude Bourret continues his series of UFO books with a fourth, *OVNI: L'armée parle* (UFO: the army speaks). As the title indicates, this is a study of army documents bearing on UFO phenomena. In the chapter devoted to U.S. military authorities, he cites some very interesting WWII and post-war documents, hitherto kept secret, that incontestably show that the UFO phenomenon was taken very seriously by high ranking officers. A letter was sent by General Marshall informing the President as early as 1942.

There is also a chapter where Bourret interviews the Chilean army corporal, Armando Valdes, who was "dematerialized" by a UFO in the sight of his troop. Naturally, the greater part of the book is devoted to French army and police documents. For the first time, the chief of the National Gendarmerie and the president of the National Centre of Space Studies, who both supervised the first official inquiry on UFOs in France, have admitted UFO:s are a phenomenon unknown to our science.

A somewhat sensational book, *La Chine et les Extraterrestres* (China and the Extraterrestrials) by Shi Bo (born in Peking, 1941) fills up a big hole in modern UFO literature. As Aimé Michel points out in his preface, this will be the end of the typical objection sometimes heard, that UFO:s are a Western phenomenon (implying it to

3. See the leading article by editor Carl-Axel Jonzon in the Swedish *UFO-Information*, 1/84: "One thing I have learned - it is a dead end to try and solve the UFO riddle using computers and other technology".
4. Hynek/Vallée, *The edge of reality* (Regnery, 1975), a discussion book where two scientists ventilate their views on the question of UFOs.
5. In spite of the girl's revelation, the Fortean Times editor Bob Rickard claimed, in 1977, in his (and John Mitchell's) book "Phenomena" that the photos depict real fairies. A claim still maintained in the Swedish edition ("Mysterier, underverk och obegripliga ting") six years later.
6. "The Piltdown skull" was found in England in 1912 by amateur paleontologist Charles Dawson. Only 40 years later it was revealed as a fraud. By that time it had been the basis for several learned books and had been fitted into the neat ladder of human evolution theory. See: *Johanson/Edey*: "Lucy - the beginnings of humankind" (1981, Swedish edition in 1983 as "Lucy och människans förhistoria, Natur och kultur"). Also: *Halstead* "Hunting the past" (1982, in Swedish 1983 as "Jordens urtid", Norstedts).
7. *Broad/Wade*: "Betrayers of the truth" (1982, in Swedish 1983 as "Sanningens dödgrävare", Mannerheim & Mannerheim).
8. *Knight*: "Charles Fort: Prophet of the unexplained" (1971, Gollancz).

be purely psychological, some sort of collective hysteria in affluent societies), since you never heard about them from, say, China.

But what do we find? The observations gathered by Mr Shi Bo from the entire country tally very well with the characteristics of the phenomenon as we are used to them. The observers were, in most cases, simple people, workers, peasants, soldiers (one chapter is devoted to army documents), who had never heard of UFO:s before.

The book is very well written, in perfect French by a Chinese who has never left his country. Educated diplomat and journalist, Mr Shi Bo was intrigued by UFO reports in China and started collecting information, thereby setting up a private information network. In a totalitarian communist state! Surprisingly, however, he was given great freedom by the authorities. Army officers discussed their observations with him freely. Scientists showed their interest without fear of being ridiculed.

It could be that, in the highest government, military and scientific circles in China, they are as curious as Shi Bo and secretly encourage UFO studies, whoever does them. Aimé Michel surmises that the Chinese authorities may have decided that to choose a conspiracy of silence, as the authorities have done in the West and in the U.S.S.R., may be the worst policy, leading eventually to losing one's face when the true facts finally come out, and thus they may have decided, one-sidedly, to break the silence at last.

Whatever the explanation may be, the fact is that Shi Bo has succeeded in collecting a wealth of information relating to the antiquity of the phenomenon in China, modern reports before 1980, the UFO flap in 1981, humanoid and contact stories, and answers given by Chinese scientists. There are also some interesting photos.

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UFOs in the great totalitarian state

Book review by
Anders Liljegren

The deep-brown, oriental eyes measure you for ages, it seems. You have a feeling that those eyes are trained to send shivers down the spine of anyone attempting to do something unfriendly to the Empire! You might, for a moment, believe you are in the midst of a fanciful American-style MIB story, but in reality you are at the passport control at Tallinn seaport, waiting among 2.000 Finns to enter Estonia, one of the Baltic states that Russia enslaved during WWII. Military and customs officers here - obviously imported from far-off parts of the gigantic Union - govern the borders of Estonia like someone who watches over a gold treasure. Your luggage is searched for anything "subversive": fruits, Bibles, pornography... UFO literature. When you leave it seems interest concentrates on your personal identity, that you are not a Soviet citizen attempting an escape, your identity will be checked three times by brute, staring eyes before you are allowed to board the m/s "George Ots", the link to Helsinki, and the West.

During the stay in Tallinn you always have the odd feeling of being watched. When you try to start a conversation with fellow travellers, who are old Estonian refugees since the war years now visiting Estonian relatives, you'll find that they won't talk in the hotel restaurant or lobby or hotel room, but that they suddenly become very outspoken in the open street, or in a Helsinki lobby on your way home... You hear from them stories of lacking supplies of even the most basic human needs in a modern society such as vegetables, toilet paper, or apartments for a decent living.

Of course, a tourist voyage to Estonia (as I made in May 1984) can never tell a Westerner of the pains endured by ordinary people-in-the-street under a totalitarian system. Jüri Lina, a young Estonian author and cultural worker, has grown up in this atmosphere and is one of the few people who has managed an escape to the West, to tell the story. Mr. Lina, interviewed by Håkan Blomqvist in one of our previous issues (AFU 23), has written a book on "the Soviet threat on Sweden" which seems far from fantasy in view of repeated Soviet violations of Swedish territory such as a "Whiskey-on-the-Rocks", repeated hunts for unknown submarines and skin-divers along the coast, plus many espionage affairs & rumours of late.

Now Jüri Lina's book on UFO research in the Soviet Union ("UFO-forskning i Sovjetunionen") has recently been translated into Swedish. It is a revised & enlarged version of an earlier 1979 Finnish book.

Private UFO researchers in Russia and its more or less enslaved Union & Satellite states have no easy task since UFO investigation is regarded as a suspicious activity (at least if done by private citizens who try to unite their energies) on par with other "superstitions" like parapsychology and religious thoughts. In the Soviet Union, however, there has grown up an unofficial chain of private researchers who do a good job of collecting, checking and reporting rumours of UFO incidents. They keep a mutual contact via letters and telephone since long voyages within the state are government-controlled. Compared to Swedish ufologists they seem to do a fairly good job in view of the

circumstances. I have a feeling that our Western style of living makes us a little lazy and unproductive compared to what we could achieve if we made use of all possibilities available.

Cut off, however, from the rich flow of (mostly) useful information in the West, Soviet UFO researchers have always displayed a certain naivety towards UFO cases & theories. As James Oberg has pointed out many times in his texts Soviet citizens have largely been unknowing about the Union's own military experiments in air & space. If a sighting is claimed by hundreds - or even thousands - of spectators it is much more likely that it stems from an advanced and secret Russian space experiment than from an extraterrestrial visit by intelligent space beings! This naivety, or more: lack of knowledge - is reflected in Lina's work too. Quite many of the cases he refer to obviously have a down-to-earth explanation, which is evident to anyone who has studied the technical & critical works from Hendry, Oberg, or Klass.

Lina, on the other side of the coin, estimates that roughly 50 % of Soviet UFO cases published in the West (by obscure sources such as the National Enquirer) are more or less fakes! (page 9). One of these "cases" that has migrated through UFO literature is the giant cigar, reportedly seen over Voronezh in 1961. Soviet ufologist Vladimir Rubtsov went to Voronezh but found no witnesses to talk to (page 48). Despite this, Soviet researchers have thousands of genuine reports on file and Estonian ufologists, alone, have gathered almost 200 cases from their small part of the Union.

Although Lina's work on the whole is a most interesting exposé on Soviet ufology I find, in it, a few other flaws that -- I admit this -- another less critical reviewer might call it's strengths:

First of all, Lina tends to place UFO's in a semi-religious context where UFO's ultimately become the final lifeline to hold on to. And - of course - they are extraterrestrial! No doubt about that

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at all. Lina believes that UFOs have the task of drawing our attention to "the tragic conditions of things on our planet". Well, maybe the watchful Adamski-type angelic being on page 240 is at work secretly (maybe that's why we've had the unbelievable luck of not having entered a nuclear war, so far...??), but neither Lina nor anyone else has proven it, so I will remain among the sceptics.

Lina makes a very frank statement comparing Soviet and non-Soviet researchers: "The interesting thing is that while the rest of the world discusses what UFOs may be (hallucinations, natural atmospheric phenomena, etc) the Soviet researchers have already accepted that the phenomenon is extra-terrestrial". In the next sentence, he admits, however: "This is why Soviet government doesn't want any matter-of-fact results from their research to be published".

A second, very petty detail, is Jüri's knowledge of Swedish, which is far from perfect, although it certainly gives the book an original, foreign flavour!! Anyway, I think the book would have fared well from a cautious correcting process by a native Swede!

Apart from these minor details, Lina's book is a most welcome newcomer among the Swedish literature on "alien aeroforms". Of special interest are Lina's chapters on Konstantin Tsiolkovskij, the Russian rocket pioneer, who died in 1935 but still had very advanced thoughts on ET intelligences and their possible motivations; and another chapter on the history of UFO research in the Soviet Union - which dates back to the 1940s. Today there are three, or four, official, semi-official or amateurish Moscow groups trying to research UFO phenomena. In May 1984 yet another government commission was announced, headed by cosmonaut Popovityj.

There are many historical reports from the Russian empire. Mysterious light phenomena are an integrated part of Estonian folklore, which Lina documents thoroughly in a chapter. Mysterious aerial phenomena were seen during World War I, in the 20s and 30s, during "the Great Patriotic War", and in 1946. It's a pity that no details are available on Russian reports of the ghost flier kind and from the ghost rocket summer of 1946. Hobana & Weverbergh, in their book, mention sightings in Russia in May 1946. I am extremely interested in securing more data on this period for my work on Swedish

UFO history. Such information would possibly ease the general (unfounded, I think) suspicions that sightings - in the West - during the 30s and 40s, were due to Russian territorial violations.

The book offers many startling, even absurd, cases from all corners of Soviet territory. Nine geologists in the Ural mountains reportedly died from EM radiation exposure, in 1960, when they observed a disc-shaped object. Their tenth colleague was, so the very short story says, the sole survivor to tell the world (page 28). A strange cigar-shaped object that crashed on the Baltic island of Osel in 1933 or -34 (pages 69-71).

A metallic object landed near Moscow in 1977 and left a 18 meter wide force-field that could be felt with your hands. Inside this zone electrical as well as mechanical clocks retarded, and there was absolutely no background radiation at all to measure (pages 161-62). The continued experiences of Vladimir Paltsev (see Fortean Times, issue 33): In June 1982 Paltsev's son Alexander was, reportedly, "zapped" by a lighthouse from a UFO and severely burned. The boy was treated at a military hospital near Moscow (pages 185-86).

Lina's book proves that Russia has exactly the same spectrum of strange incidents as the West. UFO incidents cause medical & psychological effects, strange ground traces, car stoppages and similar effects. Humanoids are seen - Lina reports dozens of such cases, including a few weird contactee cases.

This book ought to be translated into English since it would provide a good deal of new info to an international audience, but first, I think, the text should be checked against other Western sources to exclude the very weak cases and also provide critical Russian assessments of the seemingly many faked Russian cases published by American & south European sources. The bibliography on Russian UFOs & ufology in this issue, continued from AFU 23, would provide quite many pieces for such a puzzle!

Anyway, thank you Jüri for a well-done job! I suggest that everyone who has the slightest interest in ufology buy this book to help support Jüri's initiative.

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For many years now, there has been a link established between Scandinavian ufologists and a chain of Soviet-Russian UFO researchers associated with the A. Popov Society in Moscow. The Moscow group is headed by Vladimir Azhazha (oceanographer, chairman), Lev Gindilis (vice chairman) and Nikita A. Schnee (secretary, photographed in the vignette to this article).

The situation in Russia being as it is, with severe restrictions on internal travel and other communications, the group has largely been forced to establish its contacts via mail and telephone with its dozens of correspondents in the cities across the Soviet empire. The link to the West goes via telephone, mail and direct visits to the USSR by Western ufologists. This whole activity balances on a thin line. Mr. Schnee has - repeatedly - been summoned by the public prosecutor in Moscow and warned. His letters and cards to the West never reach their addressee.

From what we have seen Russian ufologists have severe obstacles to work against and it is a wonder that so much information filters through. We have asked Mr. Schnee and his colleagues for their comments on a few UFO cases published by European & American sources.

o Case of the forest rangers "blasted by a bizarre ray" (*National Enquirer*, 1982-04-06 and *AFU* 24, pp 10-11). The Azhazha group has a local correspondent in the Karelia but he had never heard of this case. No other ufologist Schnee knew had heard of it, either. This obviously includes Mr. Schnee's colleague Vladimir Azhazha, whose name was mentioned no less than eight times in the NE article and was the "informant" to which the case was attributed. "It is completely safe to say that the case is a hoax". Messrs Gris & Parmiter have been caught red-handed, I think.

o Case of the Soviet ship and a UFO coming out of the sea (NE, 1983-03-30, *AFU* 24). Mr. Schnee affirms that this is a genuine case. Azhazha has interviewed the witness himself. The name of the ship was "Vladimir Vobyrov" (not "Vladimir Vobryev" as stated in NE), and it is a research vessel. The scientific leader of the expedition was a certain professor Platonov, according to Mr. Schnee. (It must be emphasized that a lot of disinformation exists concerning Soviet ships & shipping, in particular concerning "research vessels" which are often employed in espionage and intelligence work).

o Case of the "space baby" (NE 1983-11-22, article by Parmiter & Gris, also in *Bild* (German paper) 1983-11-14). Claim of a UFO crash on July 14, 1983

near Frunze. An egg-shaped three-foot capsule was found and in it scientists, allegedly, found a weird-looking, one-year child alive. Eleven weeks later, however, the "space-baby" died. The Azhazha correspondent in Frunze had no local information on this case - probably it is a hoax. (On the other hand, news on such an incident - if it happened - would hardly reach the Russian public-at-large...)

o The Borisglebsk case (*UFO-Sverige Aktuellt* 3/83 where the case is attributed to a book by Italian ufologist Alberto Fenoglio). This was first thought to be a part-hoax/part-genuine case by the USSR researchers, but later it seems that it has been accepted as probably genuine. It is not reported to the Azhazha group but may have a foundation of truth. In short, it concerns Vladimir Paltsev (who had another encounter with humanoids on June 17, 1975) and his son Aleksander. At noon on June 20, 1982 they spotted a pancake-like disc that came within 150 meters of them. Vladimir managed to take a picture of his son watching the saucer, but moments later the son was hit by a laser-like beam. He was thrown to the ground and has since been treated at a military hospital for severe burns and numbness in his arms and hands. A special military unit measured a strong radioactivity level in the area. All insects were gone and plants died.

The Azhazha group released, in 1984, three landing reports which appear on pages 194-198 of Juri Lina's new book in Swedish. They occurred on June 13 and 14, 1980 and in March 1981. Unfortunately, *AFU Newsletter* has no space for detailed translations of these and other unpublished Soviet cases as much as we would have liked to spread the word.



I slutet av 1983 stöds AFU av 41 personer genom årsavgift till arkivet, och av ytterligare 19 andra personer genom prenumerationer på *AFU Newsletter*. Nedgången i antalet stödjande under 1983, och under de senaste åren, orsakas med säkerhet av att *AFU Newsletter* inte kunnat ges ut i den omfattning som utlovats. Under andra halvåret 1983 genomfördes en katalogisering och klassificering av hela boksamlingen och detta omfattande arbete förhindrade utgivningen under denna period. Boklistan distribuerades i januari 1984 och kostnaden för denna (ca 4.800 kr) måste belasta både 1983 och 1984 års verksamheter.

AFUs arbete kommer, efter diskussioner i styrelsen i början av 1984, alltmer att inriktas på långsiktiga projekt av dokumentär art. Utgivningen av AFU Newsletter kommer därför att minskas till ett nummer per år, som utges omkring varje årsskifte. Fanns större redaktionella resurser skulle vi med glädje ge ut nyhetsbladet oftare. (Det intressanta material vi ständigt mottar skulle räcka till månadsutgivning, minst, men då skulle vi inte få någon tid över för att utveckla arkivet och våra egna forskningar...)

Vi försöker att lokalisera och kontakta samlare av UFO-litteratur, pressurklipp, tidskrifter, ljudband m.m. Vi tycker det är viktigt att informera om möjligheten att till AFU donera material som ej används. I november 1983 mottog AFU en mycket värdefull gåva av C.O.Holmquist och flera andra, mindre gåvor har också infogats i AFU:s huvudsamling.

Vi intresserar oss vidare för att historiskt dokumentera UFO-utvecklingen, framförallt i Sverige. Sverige spelar internationellt en mycket intressant roll genom en lång rad intressanta närobservationer och ett antal tidiga observationsvägar av oidentifierade fenomen i lufthavet, samt tidiga militära undersökningar av dessa fenomen. Vi försöker att öka vetandet om dessa betydelsefulla händelser genom undersökningar, intervjuer, studier i offentliga arkiv och av mikrofilmade tidningar. Syftet är att i AFU:s arkiv samla och, i framtiden, publicera resultaten av dessa forskningar. Detta arbete måste dock ses på lång sikt eftersom det bedrivs på vår fritid.

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År	antal klipp
1977	974
1978	1.109
1979	1.015
1980	560
1981	494
1982	503
1983	501

Intresset har, som synes, legat på en stabil nivå under hela 80-talet, efter den stora publiciteten under 70-talet i samband med UFO-Sveriges "PR-kampanjer" och filmen "Närkontakt av tredje graden".

Klippabonnemanget hos AB Pressurklipp delas med Riksorg. UFO-Sverige så att AFU betalar 60 % av kostnaden men får originalklippen för arkivering. Under 1984 hoppas vi kunna köpa in en koptator för att bl.a. ordna upp de tusentals äldre klipp vi har i arkivkartonger och i inklustrade samlingar som donerats till oss, till en enhetlig, kronologisk huvudsamling. Vi är mycket intresserade av att låna in klippsamlingar för kopiering, främst från tiden före 1967.

Tidskriftssamlingen har tillförts många löpmeter genom mycket värdefulla donationer samt via prenumerationer och ett kontinuerligt utbyte med 100-talet andra tidskrifter. Genom åren har vi samlat på oss ett mycket stort antal dubletter av tidskrifter, som vi gärna vill använda för att byta till oss andra tidskrifter.

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Vid utgången av 1984 stöddes AFU ekonomiskt av 55 enskilda personer, föreningar och institutioner. Förutom detta stöd har AFU under året mottagit donationer i form av böcker, tidskrifter, ljudband och pressklipp samt utbytesmaterial från ett stort antal personer, föreningar, organisationer och institutioner i Sverige och utomlands. Vi vill rikta ett varmt tack till alla bidragsgivare för visad välvilja!

Vid 1984 års slut togs beslut att tills vidare upphöra med utgivningen av nyhetsbladet. Årets övriga positiva händelser har fört fram till detta, i och för sig tråkiga, beslut. AFU kommer under i varje fall de närmast kommande åren (1985-1987) att arbeta med långsiktiga projekt där samtidig utgivning av en tidskrift blir en omöjlighet. Framtagning, bearbetning, redigering och administration omkring ett nummer av nyhetsbladet tar i anspråk all fritid under två å tre månader, och detta arbete har alltid en tendens att avbryta och "störa" mer långsiktiga projekt som vi försöker driva. Nu vill vi pröva nya vägar att nå fram till bestående resultat.

Under året har vi påbörjat en utveckling av tekniska resurser i anslutning till arkivet. Vår strävan är att kunna erbjuda tjänster som kan jämföras med ett "professionellt" dokumentationscenter. Vi har länge saknat en kopieringsmaskin för att snabbt och billigt kunna lägga upp egna referenssamlingar i speciella ämnen, hjälpa forskare med kopior ur AFU-samlingen samt låna in material, t.ex. pressklipp, för kompletteringar. I september 1984 köptes därför en ny kopiator som nu finns i vår bibliotekslokal. Kopiatorn ägs ej av AFU, men är utlånad för AFUs verksamhet och den löpande driften finansieras genom avgifter.

Hösten 1984 fick AFU tillgång till en stor mängd tidigare okända, hemligstämplade dokument från det svenska försvaret om tidiga svenska UFO-observationer. Detta gör att det totala UFO-dokumentära material, om händelser på 30- och 40-talen, som nu finns tillgängligt uppgår till cirka 3 å 4.000 sidor, förutom fotokopior av flera tusen pressklipp. Den tekniska utrustning vi anskaffar kommer i första hand att användas för att kopiera, sortera, registrera och katalogisera detta gigantiska forskningsmaterial. Ett sådant arbete som, hoppas vi, utmynnar i någon form av publicering, kräver mycket tid, men vi hoppas att inom något eller några år kunna presentera delresultat genom att arbetet (med stöd av kopiator och dator) kan göras rationellt och relativt snabbt. Under året har cirka 2.600 kronor satsats direkt på UFO-historisk forskning (främst kopior av dokument och mikrofilmade tidningar). Kostnaderna för kommande år beräknas bli av minst samma storlek.

Under 1984 har bibliotekslokalen utrustats med bl.a. två större hyllsektioner (cirka 20 hyllmeter) för pressurklipp och nordiska tidskrifter. Lokalen (38 kvadratmeter fördelade på två rum) ligger i källarplanet och som en åtgärd för att minska skadorna vid en eventuell framtida översvämning har vi under året fördelat om samlingen så allt värdefullt material nu finns på en viss höjd över golvet. Genom donation till stiftelsen har telefon kunnat installeras i lokalen under årets senare hälft.

Boksamlingen tillfördes under året 63 nya titlar, främst genom donationer. Möjligheterna att köpa nyutgiven amerikansk litteratur är numera små genom den höga dollarkursen. Inköp har gjorts för i stort sett hela det belopp som donerats till bokfonden under 1983-84, bl.a. kopior av tidigare hemligstämplade amerikanska UFO-dokument. Under året databearbetades AFUs bestandslista så att klassifikationskoderna (en-

ligt Ufocode) sorterades till en alfabetisk söklista med cirka 1.000 "ingångar". Från denna kan man sedan söka fram de verk som behandlar ett speciellt ämnesområde via cirka 5.000 olika referenser, d.v.s. i genomsnitt 4-5 ämnesreferenser per bok. Söklistorna är tillgängliga i AFU:s bibliotekslokal.

Antalet lån, framförallt av böcker, uppgick under året till 124 (f.ä. 172), vartill kommer ett flertal forskningsuppdrag, sökningar och kopieringar ur samlingen.

Pressklippssamlingen tillfördes under 1984 bara 344 nya klipp via abonnemanget hos AB Pressurklipp. Detta är, enligt vår uppfattning, det lägsta antal klipp som förekommit sedan mitten av 1960-talet och innebär exempelvis en nedgång med 31 % sedan föregående år. Klippabonnemanget delas med Riksorg. UFO-Sverige och grundmaterialet används först av UFO-Sveriges rapportcentral (Stig Aggestad) och UFO-Aktuellt redaktion, innan det når oss.

Tidskrifter har kommit till arkivet via utbytesavtal, prenumerationer och enstaka donationer av äldre samlingar. I och med att nyhetsbladet "läggs på is" kommer en del tidigare utbyten säkerligen att upphöra även om vi nu vill vädja till intresserade utgivare att under en tid framåt donera resp. tidskrift som ett direkt stöd till AFU. I alla händelser avser vi att upprätthålla kontakter med en kärna av 25 å 30 kvalitetsmässigt goda tidskrifter. Vi vädjar dessutom till svenska föreningar och utgivare att donera minst ett exemplar av varje utgåva till AFU:s arkiv! Materialet kommer bl.a. att utgöra underlag för framtida bibliografier och förteckningar, så det är ett sätt att även i framtiden markera sin existens som publikation!

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Gåvor till bokfonden (4)	1.076:--
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Klippbevakning via AB Pressurklipp (2)	2.914:--
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Telefon	391:90
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